

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 415 (McManus)

SB 415 would require that the Department of Natural Resources seek to enter into agreements with the appropriate agencies of other states, in order to share the conviction records of snowmobile drivers.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 415 [RC 447: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 461 (Bishop)

SB 461 would change the way emergency financial managers are appointed. The substitute requires that at least 3 nominees be submitted to the governor, and the governor will appoint one of the candidates with the advice and consent of the Senate. The manager is to serve a term of not more than one year but the appointment is renewable.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SCOTT 1A-D were defeated.
- CLARKE 1E was defeated.
- Toy 1F was withdrawn.
- SCOTT 1G was defeated.
- SB 461 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 461 passed [RC 448: 22 yes, 16 no (Dems)].

HB 4143-44 (Moolenaar)

HBs 4143-44 would prohibit fifth-year high school students from participating in state programs which pay for college and technical education.

Support: Department of Education, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel -- Michigan's dual enrollment program, funded through the School Aid Fund, was not intended to subsidize the higher education of fifth year high school students. Currently, there are a few reports that fifth year secondary students are using the program in this manner. To curtail the possible widespread use of the school aid fund to pay for students' postsecondary education, this legislation should be adopted.

HB 4143:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted. (9/27)
- Kuipers 1A was adopted.
- HB 4143 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4143 passed with IE [RC 449: 38 yes, no].

HB 4144:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted. (9/27)
- Kuipers 1A was withdrawn.
- Kuipers 1B was adopted.
- HB 4144 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4144 passed with IE [RC 450: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4588 (Van Regenmorter)

HB 4588 would require crime victims to receive notification of escapes, transfers, releases, etc. of defendants who have been declared not guilty by reason of insanity but have been placed in a hospital or facility for treatment. Another significant change is to clarify that restitution is also to be ordered in cases in which the defendant receives a deferred or dismissed sentence. The bill would also tighten the act's "son of Sam" provisions, which prohibits a defendant from profiting from the crime. In addition to current prohibitions, the bill would prohibit the sale of memorabilia of the defendant or the crime, or the sale of any of the defendant's property that has only become valuable because of the notoriety attached to the crime

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted. (9/27)
- HB 4588 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4588 passed with IE [RC 451: 38 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 444 (McManus)

SB 444 would prohibit an unauthorized person from selling, furnishing, or possessing the patch or uniform, or a facsimile of the patch or uniform, of a law enforcement agency. This would be in addition to the current prohibition against selling, furnishing, or possessing the badge, or a facsimile of the badge, of a law enforcement agency. The bill also would prohibit wearing, exhibiting, displaying, or using a badge, patch, or uniform, or facsimile of those items. The bill would limit current exceptions that apply to a retirement badge or the badge of a deceased officer, and add an exception for a person engaged in the theatrical profession. In addition, the bill would prohibit a person from wearing or displaying the emblem, insignia, logo, service mark, or other law enforcement identification of any law enforcement agency, or a facsimile of those items, if the person represented himself or herself to another person as being a peace officer or if the wearing or displaying of the item would lead a reasonable person to believe falsely that the law enforcement agency was promoting or endorsing a commercial service or product or a charitable endeavor.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- McManus 1A-C (S-1) were adopted.
- SB 444 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 657 (Goschka)

SB 657 would dissolve the Saginaw County Board of Auditors by both repealing an outdated law and abolishing the board in statute. The Saginaw County Board of Auditors oversees the county's public works budget and evidently is the only county board of auditors still operating in Michigan.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 657 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4938 (Hune)

HB 4938 requires a medical examiner to enter into an agreement regarding the donation of organs and tissues with the federally designated organ procurement organization and the eye and tissue organization that coordinates the recovery and allocation of anatomical donations in that county.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- HB 4938 was moved to 3rd Reading.